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FOR THE

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT FOR 1885-6.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Freeman R. French, 1st Selectman	$116 50
John F. Gove, 2nd Selectman	93 00
Charles E. Bursiel, 3rd Selectman	77 00
Silas A. Riddle, Town Clerk	50 00
John Hodgman, Treasurer	40 00
John Hodgman, Moderator	5 00
D. H. Colcord, Superintendent of schools	50 00
H. E. Ryder, Tax Collector	100 00
William M. Patten, Supervisor	8 00
George F. Shepard, Supervisor	4 00
Edmund Kendall, Supervisor	4 00
Theodore A. Goffe, Fish Warden	5 00
William F. Connor, Constable	5 00
Silas A. Riddle, returning marriages, births and deaths,	4 35
W. C. Parker, Gate for Cemetery	5 00
John G. Vose, cash paid for freight on road machine	6 75
Thomas H. Tuson, printing Town Reports	27 75
Temple and Farrington, stationery	6 53
Charles H. Clapp, services as police officer, 1883	9 00
J. Hadlock, for Champion road machine	250 00
S. S. Piper, flags for soldiers' graves	2 00
Thomas J. Wiggin, repairs on school-house in Dist. No. 4 in 1885	250 00
George W. Taft, edge and bolts for Champion road machine	6 00
C. E. Bursiel, cash paid for freight on road machine	75
Henry L. Peaslee, bounty paid on woodchucks	6 30
G. W. Hamlin, for painting town house	34 00
Charles E. Bursiel, bounty paid on woodchucks	6 90
John G. Vose, " " "	7 40
Henry L. Peaslee, " " "	1 30
A. H. Kimball, castings for road machine	1 00

Walter J. Prince, repairs on road machine	$4 15
G. W. Hamlin, paint and labor on town house	12 92
James R. Leach, plank for drain on river road	25 86
James R. Leach, for spikes and oil	95
Justin E. Vose, drawing plank for drain	2 00
Justin E. Vose, for repairing road machine	4 50
W. W. Pillsbury, for recording births in 1884-5	1 50
Temple and Farrington, for paper	2 30
Clough and Clark, legal advice	12 00
John B. Varick, paints and oils for town house	20 45
T. A. Goffe, for calf killed by dogs	1 50
H. E. Ryder, discount on tax in 1885	213 45
C. E. Bursiel, for carrying Nancy Campbell to Wilton	3 00
	$1,487 11

EXPENSES OF THE TOWN HOUSE.

Silas A. Riddle, Janitor	$30 00
Henry L. Peaslee, three cords of wood	13 50
Silas A. Riddle, sawing wood for town house	3 00
F. A. French, kerosene oil	8 57
	$55 07

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

John M. Hodgman, labor on highways and breaking roads in 1884-5	$17 70
George W. Palmer, labor on highway in 1884	2 10
F. F. French, labor on highways and breaking roads in 1884-5	49 25
George F. Barnard, repairing and breaking roads	13 50
H. E. Ryder, sundry highway bills	45 15
Thomas A. Lane, Akron pipe for road	6 30
E. W. Butterfield, breaking roads and labor on highways in 1884-5	18 30
G. M. French, labor on highways in 1884	6 50
Granville Heselton, for repairs on highways and breaking roads	13 00
Horace Holbrook, labor on highways and breaking roads in 1884-5	28 90
H. H. Smith, 16 days labor with road machine in 1885	64 00
H. H. Smith, labor on highways	1 80

Samuel Adams, labor on highways	$22 80
Harry A. Shepard, labor on highways in 1885	18 45
John H. Rand, labor on highways in 1885	14 60
Hermon Foster, labor on highways	4 00
John G. Vose, labor on Gilmore Hill	39 25
H. E. Ryder, sundry highway bills	178 53
C. K. Twiss, labor on highway in 1885	14 20
Henry L. Peaslee, labor on highway in 1885	5 50
Sanford Roby, labor on highway in 1885	19 31
H. E. Ryder, sundry highway bills	135 16
Clinton French, labor on highway in 1885	16 85
Orrin Webber, labor on highways in 1885	42 70
William H. Tarr, labor on highways in 1885	29 45
John H. Rand, labor on highway in 1885	37 37
Jesse Witherspoon, " " "	6 00
Charles E. Bursiel, " " "	12 25
C. K. Twiss, " " "	12 85
Walter Gage, " " "	6 75
G. M. French, " " "	3 00
H. H. Smith, labor with road machine and repairing highway	23 00
Harry A. Shepard, labor on highway in 1885	16 35
Charles S. Campbell, " " "	3 00
Joseph G. Holbrook, for plank, and labor on bridge	6 76
B. W. Robinson, Akron pipe	10 89
J. H. Tinker, gravel for New Boston road	2 00
Samuel Adams, labor on highways in 1885	7 15
Sanford Roby, " " "	11 00
James L. Mitchell, " " "	20 12
James R. Leach, " " 1882	1 50
F. R. French, " " "	6 50
Justin E. Vose, labor with road machine	116 00
Justin E. Vose, labor on highways	31 25
H. E. Ryder, sundry highway bills	269 23
G. F. Shepard, plank for bridge	3 96
J. S. Parkhurst, labor on highway	11 00
E. C. Shirley, gravel for Gilmore Hill	5 00
H. E. Ryder, sundry highway bills	351 18
	$1,781 41

BREAKING ROADS.

George A. King, breaking roads in 1885	$7 53
C. H. Tarbell, breaking roads in 1884-5	20 69

Henry L. Peaslee, breaking roads in 1885	$8 66
Sumner P. Worthley, breaking roads in 1882	5 10
C. K. Twiss, breaking roads in 1885	9 15
Walter Gage, breaking roads in 1884-5	7 25
	$58 38

ABATEMENTS.

E. and J. Kittredge, over tax in 1885	$1 00
William McDole, abatement of dog tax in 1885	1 00
Joseph T. Ward, abatement of dog tax in 1885	2 00
J. P. Haines, abatement of tax in 1885	2 00
Edward Barr, abatement of poll tax in 1884	88
Lowell and Fessenden, for over tax in 1885	11 00
G. W. Goffe, abatement on tax in 1885	3 00
James Gardner heirs, abatement of tax in 1884	2 50
Emma Gage, abatement of tax in 1885	3 00
E. Haskell, abatement of poll tax in 1884	88
T. Richards, abatement of dog tax	1 00
Elias Adams, abatement of poll tax	88
William Davitt, abatement of poll tax in 1884	88
Amos Williams, " " " "	88
Arthur Calef, " " " "	88
George Langley, " " " "	88
John Keagan, " " " "	88
Joseph Ricard, " " " "	88
Irvin Way, " " " "	88
John Bartlett, " " " "	88
George Hoyt, " " " "	88
Peter Kean, " " " "	88
Fred. Scheer, " " " "	88
Fred. Lancey, " " " "	88
Harry E. Longa, " " " "	88
Willis Kendall, " " " "	88
Zoal Gimmon, " " " "	88
William Young, " " " 1884–5	1 88
Michael Spain, " " " 1884	1 88
George Welch, abatement of dog tax in 1883	1 00
	$47 10

PERSONS AIDED BY THE COUNTY.

Alvira and Mary A. Walker,	$12 50
" " " "	10 00
" " " "	10 00
" " " "	12 50
" " " "	12 50
" " " "	12 50
" " " "	15 00
" " " "	15 00
" " " "	12 50
" " " "	17 50
Nancy Campbell	5 00
" "	6 00
" "	7 00
" "	10 00
" "	11 00
" "	8 00
Harriet Wilson	9 00
" "	10 50
" "	9 75
" "	6 75
Pearson and Wallace, coffin and burial of Joseph Oliver	12 00
Stevens Bros. for assistance towards support of J. Oliver	19 76
Frank H. Rowe, M. D., professional attendance on Joseph Oliver	13 50
Silas A. Riddle, burial of Joseph Oliver	2 00
	$260 26

PERSONS AIDED BY THE TOWN.

Paid county for board of Asa Carley ten weeks, to March 1, 1886	$20 00
George A. King, for taking care of Asa Carley.	12 00
John G. Vose, for carrying Asa Carley to Wilton	3 00
C. E. Bursiel, for keeping transients	1 50
	$36 50

ASSESSMENTS.

Amount of money assessed upon the polls and ratable estates of resident and non-residents in the town of Bedford for the year 1885 :—

State tax	$1,412 00
County tax	1,027 93
Highway tax	1,500 00
Town tax	1 00
School tax	1,235 50
Extra school tax	500 00
School district No. 4	253 02
Dog tax	148 00
Per centage	93 99
	$6,171 44

SCHOOL MONEY FOR 1885.

District No. 1	$328 34
No. 2	209 86
No. 3	179 35
No. 4	232 18
No. 5	157 00
No. 6	211 90
No. 7	173 60
No. 8	162 67
No. 9	187 32
No. 10	66 85
No. 11	157 32
	$2,066 39

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES E. BURSIEL,
JOHN G. VOSE,
HENRY L. PEASLEE,

Selectmen of Bedford.

March 1, 1886.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Bedford in account with John Hodgman, Treasurer.

Dr.

To cash on hand March 1, 1885	$378 70	
Received of H. E. Ryder, collector, 1884	1,028 00	
Received of H. E. Ryder, collector, 1885	4,627 72	
Received of the selectmen, from the county	266 72	
Received of the selectmen, for advertisements	15 00	
Received of the selectmen, for railroad tax	53 47	
Received of the selectmen, for savings bank tax	1,944 95	
Received of selectmen, for literary fund	137 86	
Received of the selectmen, for bounty on wild animals	21 90	
Received of the selectmen, for town note	1,000 00	
Received of S. A. Riddle, graveyard lots	24 00	
Received of S. A. Riddle for use of town hall	39 00	
		$9,537 32

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By cash paid town order drawn current year, 1885	$3,725 83	
Paid town note No. 3	500 00	
Paid interest on town note, No. 3	1 75	
Paid balance of town note, No. 4	190 00	
Paid interest on town note, No. 4	4 12	
Poid interest on town note, No. 5	158 25	
Paid county tax	1,027 93	
Paid state tax	1,412 00	
Paid school money in full for the year 1885	2,066 39	
Cash on hand March 1, 1886	451 05	
		$9,537 32

STANDING OF THE TOWN FINANCIALLY, MARCH 1, 1886.

LIABILITIES.

Town officers salaries	$540 00	
Dog tax for the year 1885	146 50	
Highway taxes worked	225 00	
Town notes	3,000 00	
Interest on town notes	200 00	
		$4,111 50

ASSETS.

Due from collector, 1885	$1,543 72	
Due from the county	95 50	
Cash on hand March 1, 1886	451 05	
		$2,090 27
Balance against the town March 1, 1886.		$2,021 23

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN HODGMAN

Town Treasurer.

BEDFORD, March 1, 1886.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Bedford:—

The annual report of your schools is respectfully submitted by the Superintending School Committee. He accepted the office at the beginning of the school year with the understanding that he should have assistance in visiting the schools. With the advice and consent of the selectmen, Dr. Frank H. Rowe was appointed and has rendered efficient aid as Superintendent's assistant. He has made 23 visits. 66 visits in all have been made, and the schools have seemed to have a favorable year.

SCHOOLS.

As was the case a year ago, three terms have been held in each district, except No. 10, which has had two. The number of weeks schooling in the different districts has varied somewhat, but the extra school money has made the variation much less than it would otherwise have been. The need of a high grammar school, to which the older scholars when qualified, might have access, still continues. The town must furnish all the schooling that the majority of our scholars receive, and for their perfection in grammar school studies and introduction into the natural sciences, civil government, and other needed higher studies, such a school is a necessity. It is to be hoped that the incoming school board may find some feasible plan for it. Two schools are still in session, and the tables of statistics are therefore incomplete.

SCHOLARS.

There have been enrolled upon the school registers 253 names; 143 boys 110 girls; between 5 and 15 years of age 222. Some 10 have been attending other schools out of

town. In the main the scholars have seemed to appreciate their school privileges and have made good use of them. Especially has this been true in some schools. There have been two deaths among the scholars during the year.

TEACHERS.

In the eleven schools, seventeen different teachers have been employed, and in but three schools has the same teacher continued through the year. The number of changes has been unusually large, and to the disadvantage of both scholars and teachers. Four of the teachers were without previous experience. Others had taught for years. All have done earnest and faithful work but have not secured the same results. Such could not be expected in the unlike conditions of the schools at the start. But with some the good results were of a very high degree. Their relations with the superintendent have been uniformly pleasant.

BOOKS.

No changes have been made during the year. The series now used seems to be well adapted to our needs, for the most part, the possible exception being the arithmetic. The books now regarded as authorized are the following: Appleton's Readers, Harrington's Speller, Davis and Peck's' Arithmetics, Monteith's Geographies, Swinton's New Language Lessons, Higginson's History, Meservey's Book-keeping, Steele's Hygienic Physiology. There are needed for each teacher's desk a complete set of the text-books used, and reference books on the natural sciences. There should be also supplementary readers used intermediate between the lower grades. Scholars frequently read in books too far advanced, because they have read through the lower grades, which have thereby lost their freshness and interest.

The $500 extra money has been used in accordance with the vote of the town, and has aided materially in enlarging the school opportunities in several districts, making them more nearly equal.

NEW SCHOOL SYSTEM.

It is not the purpose of your Superintendent here to speak in detail upon the new system. It is to be remembered that the old system had manifest disadvantages, some of which were mentioned in the school report of 1885. It is to be expected that there will be some disadvantages in the new. It is to be tried as an experiment. It should have a fair trial. Its design is to give every scholar advantages as nearly equal as may be. And this is an end earnestly to be desired and sought after by every patriotic citizen, by every honorable man, who considers that education is a debt due from the present to the future generation.

The Roll of Honor and tables of statistics are given below.

D. H. COLCORD,
Superintendent.

BEDFORD, N. H., March 1, 1886.

ROLL OF HONOR.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Spring.—Frank H. Barnard, Warren N. Cutler.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Spring.—Mary A. Parker, Bertha F. Beal, Mary M. Mayhew, Nellie A. Hodgman, Simeon J. Parker, Eugene M. Mitchell. Austin L. Aldrich, Eddie R. Blood, Charles S. Burns, Albert C. Hodgman.

Fall.—Bertha F. Beal, Evie A. Stevens, Simeon J. Parker, Eugene M. Mitchell, Austin L. Aldrich, Ernest A. Jenkins Charles S. Burns, Albert C. Hodgdman.

Winter.—Mary A. Parker, Bertha F. Beal Mary A. Blood, Lewis Hodgman, Max Miller, Eugene M. Mitchell, Henry W. Blood, Ernest A. Jenkins, Charles S. Burns, Albert C. Hodgman.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Spring.—Minnie W. Darrah.

Winter.—Mellie Mitchell.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Spring.—Charles F. Parker, Willie F. Putnam, Josie S. Putnam, Ena L. Walker.

Fall.—George V. Hamlin, Frank B. French, Josie S. Putnam, Ena L. Walker.

District No. 5.

Spring.—Hannah Murphy.

Fall.—Clara M. Gault, Louis Gault.

Winter.—Timmy Murphy.

District No. 6.

Spring.—Oscar W. Bursiel, Willie J. Clapp, Alonzo D. Holbrook, George F. Taylor, Goldie M. Clapp, Dora D. Holbrook.

Fall.—Arthur E. Bursiel, Robert F. Bursiel, Oscar W. Bursiel, Willie J. Clapp.

Winter.—George Scruton.

District No. 7.

Spring.—Annie M. Vose, James C. Swallow.

Fall.—Annie M. Vose.

Winter.—James C. Swallow.

District No. 8.

Spring.—Carrie E. Rand, James C. Rand, Jennie M. Tolford.

Fall.—Jennie M. Tolford, Carrie E. Rand, M. Etta Gage.

Winter.—Carrie E. Rand, James C. Rand.

District No. 9.

Spring.—Julia L. Manning, Margie A. Manning, Hattie C. Shepard, Harry C. Bixby, Charles F. Shepard.

Fall.—Julia L. Manning, Margie A. Manning, Hattie C. Shepard, Emily Schneider, Charles F. Shepard, Frank Connor.

Winter.—Hattie C. Shepard, Margie A. Manning, Charles F. Shepard, Edith Shepard, Harry C. Bixby.

District No. 11.

Spring.—Nellie O. Parkhurst, Grace M. Peaslee, Annie L. Tarbell, Bertie L. Peaslee.

Fall.—Grace M. Peaslee, Annie L. Tarbell.

Winter.—Grace M. Peaslee, Annie L. Tarbell, Nellie O. Parkhurst, Bertie L. Peaslee.

Table of Statistics.

No. of District.	Terms.	Teachers.	Wages per month.	Length of term in weeks.	Whole number scholars.	Average daily attendance.	Prudential Committee.
1.	Spring.	Lizzie L. Clapp.	$34.	11	33	30	George M. French.
	Fall.	Lizzie L. Clapp. Eunice Stevens.	34.	9	38		
	Winter.	Mary F. Vose.					
2.	Spring.	Lucretia A. Prince.	26.	10	24	23	William D. Mitchell.
	Fall.	Lucretia A. Prince.	26.	11	31	28	
	Winter.	Lucretia A. Prince.	30.	11 8	28	24	
3.	Spring.	Jennie U. Elliott.	24.	8	17	17	
	Fall.	Jennie U. Elliott.	25.	10	16	14	Joseph T. Ward.
	Winter.	Jennie U. Elliott.	25.	8.4	18	16	
4.	Spring.	Mary F. Vose.	26.	9	16	14	E. R. Walker.
	Fall.	Mary F. Vose.	28.	9	24	23	E. B. Hull.
	Winter.	S. E. McLane.					Herman Foster.
5.	Spring.	Ella L. S. Hodgman.	20.	9	14	12	
	Fall.	Ella L. S. Hodgman.	22.	10	15	13	John M. Hodgman.
	Winter.	Ella L. S. Hodgman.	24.	8	10	11	
6.	Spring.	Effie F. McLaren.	24.	10	20	18	
	Fall.	Pauline A. Osgood.	26.	10	21	19	Charles E. Bursiel.
	Winter.	Pauline A. Osgood.	30.	10	13	12	
7.	Spring.	Etta J. Butterfield.	20.	10	15	11	
	Fall.	Emma E. Butterfield.	22.	10	15	13	E. W. Butterfield.
	Winter.	Emma E. Butterfield.	24.	9	17	15	
8.	Spring.	Carrie I. Gonzales.	24.	9	18	14	
	Fall.	Carrie I. Gonzales.	24.	9	16	15	Clinton French.
	Winter.	Carrie I. Gonzales.	24.	10	17	16	
9.	Spring.	Mary A. Walker.	25.	9	20	17	Geo. F. Shepard.
	Fall.	Bertha T. Jones.	25.	9	22	21	
	Winter.	Bertha T. Jones.	25.	10	25	23	
10.	Spring.	Addie L. Gage.	18.	8	3	2	David Stevens.
	Fall.	Emma E. Gould.	20.	13.4	4	3	
11.	Spring.	Eunice Stevens.	24.	8	11.5	11	
	Fall.	Eva I. French.	24.	8	12	11	Harry A. Shepard.
	Winter.	Eva I. French.	24.	10	17	16	

Table of Studies.

No. of District.	Terms.	No. of Scholars.	Reading and spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Drawing.	Vocal Music.	Physiology.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.
1.	Spring	33	33	33	33	23	13	7	29	0	33	6	6	0
	Fall	38	38	37	34	23	11	12	0	0	37	4	4	4
	Winter													
2.	Spring	27	27	27	16	15	3	2	16	0	27	27	0	0
	Fall	31	31	21	21	20	4	2	21	0	31	0	0	0
	Winter	28	28	28	28	18	4	3	20	0	28	0	0	2
3.	Spring	17	17	16	15	8	7	3	8	0	17	1	0	0
	Fall	16	16	15	13	7	6	4	6	3	16	0	0	0
	Winter	18	18	10	15	8	11	6	15	1	18	0	1	1
4.	Spring	26	26	16	14	9	5	0	14	16	0	16	0	0
	Fall	28	28	24	17	9	5	1	17	24	0	24	16	0
	Winter	16	16	16	16	16	5	16	5	0	9	0	0	0
5.	Spring	14	14	9	9	9	9	1	0	0	0	12	0	0
	Fall	15	15	12	12	9	9	1	0	0	0	15	0	0
	Winter	12	12	12	12	10	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Spring	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	0	0	0
	Fall	21	21	19	17	6	4	4	0	9	21	4	0	0
	Winter	13	13	13	11	6	8	0	0	10	13	0	0	2
7.	Spring	15	15	7	10	5	3	2	0	0	0	12	0	1
	Fall	15	15	11	12	4	6	2	10	0	0	13	0	1
	Winter	17	17	11	14	10	7	1	8	0	0	15	0	2
8.	Spring	18	18	18	18	13	7	4	6	0	0	17	0	0
	Fall	16	16	17	17	12	6	3	5	0	0	16	0	0
	Winter	17	17	17	17	12	6	3	5	0	0	17	0	0
9.	Spring	20	20	20	20	12	10	3	0	0	0	2	1	2
	Fall	22	22	22	22	15	14	3	0	3	22	0	3	1
	Winter	25	25	25	25	23	16	4	0	4	25	0	3	1
10.	Spring	3	3	3	3	3	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
	Fall	4	4	4	4	4	4	0	4	0	0	4	0	0
11.	Spring	11.5	11.5	11	12	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Fall	12	12	13	13	9	7	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Winter	17	17	17	16	12	7	5	8	0	0	17	0	1

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